

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please change the claims as follows:

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A1 1. (Amended) An apparatus for controlling playback according to program ratings, in a video/audio recording/playback controlling apparatus for reproducing signals from a recording medium in which a video signal having program rating data is recorded, the apparatus comprising:

[a data slicer for extracting only the program rating data from the video signal in a general playback mode;]

a decoder for decoding the program rating data [output by the data slicer] to generate decoded program rating data;

a controller for generating a first control signal for blocking a video/audio signal if a viewable program rating set by a user is lower than the rating of the decoded program rating data, [or] and for generating a second control signal if a [video index search system (VISS)] signal indicating a new program is detected; and

a tape speed controller for executing a high-speed search mode when the controller generates the first control signal [is received], [or] and for executing the general playback mode when the controller generates the second control signal [is received].

Claim 3, line 3, insert "cycle" after "duty".

Please add the following new claims:

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31 -- 4. The apparatus of claim 1, further including:

a data slicer for extracting only the program rating data from the video signal in a general playback mode and outputting the program rating data to the decoder.--

--5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the signal indicating the new program is a video index search system (VISS) signal.--